



Chelsea Public Schools
School Committee

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**There will be a Regular Meeting of the
Chelsea School Committee on**

Thursday, May 5, 2022

At 7:00 p.m.

In the Council Chambers

**City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150**

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School Committee

There will be a regular meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to discuss and take action on the items in the following agenda.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **School Committee Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 13, 2022.
(Enclosure A)

4. **Public Comment**

5. **Presentations: Chelsea Public Schools Excellence Awards**

6. **Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**

Student Achievement: Indicators of Success

COVID Update:

Student Representative Update:

Personnel Update: (Enclosure B)

Enrollment Reports: (Enclosure C)

Committee Reports: Budget & Finance (Enclosure D)
Human Resources (Enclosure E)

7. **Unfinished Business:** None

8. **New Business:**

- Consideration and action to accept an increase of \$15,256 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for multiple federal grants for the 2021-2022 school year. *Item #:* 22SC61
(Enclosure F)

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Explanation:

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has adjusted Chelsea's allocations for FY2022 for multiple federal grants. The additional funds will be used to continue the identified priorities within each grant.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 37A provides for the acceptance of grants for educational purposes only with the approval of the Chelsea School Committee.

- Consideration and action to accept a private grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Chelsea Education Foundation for the Intergenerational Literacy Program, funded by the Anna B. Stearns Charitable Foundation. *Item#:* 21SC62 (Enclosure G)

Explanation:

Funds have been awarded by the Anna B. Stearns Charitable Foundation to support the Intergenerational Literacy Program. The Anna B. Stearns Charitable Foundation funds projects designed to strengthen the education, independence, and/or socioeconomic status of women, children and youth. The funds will be used for stipends, student assistants, supplies, and other expenses in support of the program.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 37A provides for the acceptance of grants for educational purposes only with the approval of the Chelsea School Committee.

- Consideration and action to amend the Non-Bargaining Salary & Wage Schedules for 2021-2022 for specified Salaried Positions. *Item #:* 22SC63 (Enclosure H)

Explanation:

District staff are proposing to add the title of Director of School Data (classification D) and delete the existing Registrar (classification F) position. The Registrar position has historically been responsible for creating the course catalog for Chelsea High School and enrolling students in their requested classes, as space has been available. The new position will have significantly expanded duties, which warrant a change in the pay classification.

- Consideration and action to approve a budget transfer in the amount of **up to \$1,015,000** million to move funds from Benefits & Payroll Adjustments, Instruction & Assessment, and Clark Avenue Middle School to Special Education & Pupil Personnel and/or Facilities & Transportation. *Item #:* 22SC64 (Enclosure I)

Explanation:

Savings are available in Benefits & Payroll Adjustments due to reduced spending for Active Employee Health Insurance and some expenses anticipated in Instruction & Assessment have been covered by available grants. Savings in Clark Avenue Middle School have been generated by vacancies this year. The funds are being transferred to Special Education & Students Services for out of district tuition and/or to Facilities & Transportation for additional one time projects such as the purchase of additional student and teacher furniture, equipment, etc.

- Consideration and action to authorize the prepayment of up to \$1.5 million in special education out-of-district tuition fees to the Seem Collaborative and/or Shore Collaborative for FY2023. *Item #:* 22SC65 (Enclosure J)

Explanation:

Massachusetts state law allows school districts to prepay special education tuition, using current year dollars to pay for future year tuition costs. In FY2020, the School Committee authorized the prepayment of \$1 million in tuition using savings that were generated that year during the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic. In FY2021, this was expanded to nearly \$1.2 million. At present, up to \$1.5 million may be available for pre-payment from the FY2022 budget. This prepayment will help cover tuition costs next year.

9. Communications: None

10. Announcements:

11. Adjournment:

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